

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: December 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Vic Hamilton, Glenn Bartholomew
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung
Absent: Excused: Darin Molesworth Public:

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Glenn Bartholomew at 7:08 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet were two lists of bills paid. An agenda item regarding hydrant testing equipment was added.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2013
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Hudson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Herman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Apparatus Replacement Subcommittee update

Board Member Hudson updated the Board on the December 9, 2013, subcommittee meeting. He explained that a Mission Statement and a list of goals were formulated. He also said the subcommittee expects their work to be completed by April or May at which time the subcommittee will make its recommendations to the Board. Bartholomew asked if he could attend as a non-voting member; he was told yes. Chief Appleton gave Hudson a report of fire and EMS calls over the last 2 years for the subcommittee, as requested by Hudson. Hudson and Appleton added that there had been also been a discussion at the subcommittee meeting of the possible development of a new station. Since that could become another large expenditure item, Hudson asked the Board if it agreed that the subcommittee should include that issue in its discussions. Therefore:

Board Member Hudson made a motion to expand the role of the Apparatus Replacement Subcommittee to include discussion of a possible new fire station. Board Member Hamilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on station development

Chief Appleton referred to a draft document in the Board packet titled “Mosier UPRR Property Programming Report,” prepared by a consultant hired by the City of Mosier, which addresses the possible development of a new city hall and fire station on the four-acre UPRR property. Appleton said recent developments make the UPRR site in Mosier seem like a potentially viable option for new station development. Appleton said that covenants placed on the property by UPRR make it hard for any use other than municipal on the site. He said the City plans to ask

UPRR to donate the land; he added that the company has done that elsewhere. He said he believed that the rough financial estimates in the consultant's report might err in earmarking 100% of the Fire District's current capital fund to the station. Appleton recommended that the Board wait for the final report from the consultant before the Fire District possibly moves ahead on a feasibility study for station development on county property on State Rd. Additional possibilities for development of a new station and city hall on land owned by other property owners within the city was also mentioned briefly.

3. A. Moore request for reimbursement for classes

Volunteer Aurora Moore asked for reimbursement for a CPR instructor's class and a crisis awareness class that she recently took. She had not gotten prior Fire District approval to take the courses. After discussion, it was decided that Chief Appleton will ask Moore for a clearer breakdown of the charges and have the information for the next Board meeting.

3.a. Hydrant Testing Equipment

The City of Mosier is requesting that the Fire District and the City share the cost of buying new equipment for testing city fire hydrants. Chief Appleton explained the existing equipment causes property damage when used. He showed a visual of the recommended equipment. If the Fire District agreed, the cost to the District would be \$1,250. After discussion, it was agreed that Appleton will ask other local fire districts if they have experience with this system.

4. Chief's Monthly Summary

The Board reviewed the handout of the Chief's Summary, which includes the actions of the volunteers and duties of the Fire Chief for the month of November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Recorder Hornung said the Board had received notification it was eligible for a free registration for a Special Districts conference next spring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder